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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 4440.19D

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Cannibalization of operational equipment and diversion of material at contractors plants to meet urgent operational requirements; policies and priority rules for

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 4490.2B (NOTAL)
(b) OPNAVINST 4614.1E

1. Purpose. To establish uniform policies for meeting urgent operational requirements by:

a. Cannibalization of equipment which is in operational use or in storage within the supply system or in inactive Fleet units.

b. Diversion of material at contractor's plants.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 4440.19C of 5 Feb 1979.

3. Scope and Application.

a. This instruction is Navy wide in scope and applies to all equipment, components, assemblies, and items contained therein.

b. Excluded from this directive are cannibalization actions internal to an activity where cannibalization decisions may be made by the activity commanding officer.

c. Reference (a) (paragraph 5a(6)) contains amplifying guidance concerning training equipment.

4. Definitions

a. Cannibalization. The removal of serviceable material from one equipment for installation in another equipment to restore the latter to a serviceable condition.

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b. Diversion. The removal of an item of government furnished material or contractor furnished material positioned at a contractor's plant incident to a production contract.

5. Policy.

a. Cannibalization between active fleet units will not be a normal peacetime practice.

b. Cannibalization or diversion actions will not be effected unless a significant degraded readiness condition has been reported, all possible actions have been taken to satisfy the material requirement through other means, and the impact on maintenance personnel has been considered.

c. Cannibalization or diversion actions involving Fleet units will be controlled at the type commander (TYCOM) level.

d. Cannibalization or diversion of material from U.S. programs to fulfill requirements generated by foreign governments will be effected only when (1) U.S. forces will not be adversely impacted, and (2) full costs of the cannibalization action, including possible late claims in production contracts, will be borne by the foreign government.

e. Except when less than \$50, costs associated with cannibalization and diversion will be borne by the Navy inventory control point responsible for supporting the equipment.

6. Implementation Rules. If high priority operational requirements for material cannot be satisfied from the supply system on a timely basis cannibalization or diversion may be required.

a. When the estimated material availability date reflected in supply status is considered unsatisfactory to meet a high priority operational requirement for a shore activity or a Fleet unit, the shore activity or cognizant TYCOM will first attempt to satisfy the requirement through alternate actions, such as redistribution of storeroom spares from other ships or activities or from local fabrication. If these actions prove negative, system cannibalization or diversion may be requested from the Navy inventory control point by the TYCOM for fleet units or the shore activity which requires the material.

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The Navy inventory control point will not attempt system cannibalization or diversion until requested by the TYCOM or shore activity. The inventory control point will investigate all alternative sources of assets prior to initiating cannibalization or diversion.

b. Consistent with requisition Issue Priority designations and Force/Activity Designators explained in reference (b), the following order of priority will be used for cannibalization or diversion when competition exists for the same asset:

(1) Material required by U.S. Navy combat forces, U.S. Navy combat ready forces, and those U.S. Navy direct combat support forces deployed outside of CONUS on an Issue Priority Designator 01 or equivalent (e. g., Polaris) requisition.

(2) Material required by U. S. Navy combat forces, U.S. Navy combat ready forces, and those U.S. Navy direct combat support forces deployed outside of CONUS on an Issue Priority Designator 02 (less Polaris) requisition.

(3) Material required by CONUS activities and units on an Issue Priority Designator 02 or higher requisition, if a production line stoppage will not be caused by the diversion.

(4) Material requirements on Issue Priority Designator 02 or higher requisitions needed within seven days by a maintenance activity to correct a CASREP (Casualty Report) or NORS (Not Operationally Ready Supply) deficiency.

(5) Material requirements on requisitions with Issue Priority Designators 03 through 06 to satisfy CASREP/NORS deficiencies.

(6) Other end use material requirements on requisitions with Issue Priority designators 02 through 08.


c. When absolutely necessary, cannibalization actions among co-equals within Force/Activity Designators (FADs) or from higher FADs may be negotiated within or between type commands.

7. Action

a. "The Naval Supply Systems Command will issue and/or revise

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procedures as necessary to ensure uniform compliance with the policies herein.


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